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Dear Parent / Carer,

It is hard to believe we have already reached the final week of the term. It has been a long and busy term with lots to be proud of and many things to celebrate. The next edition of the *Graham Gazette* will be with you at the end of this week and will showcase the events of the term.

We are very proud of our students. I must mention our Y7 students and their Form Tutors who planned and organised our Christmas Fair last week, which was a great success raising over £550 for Save the Children. We will continue to support this very worthwhile charity this Friday 20 December when all students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and/or non-uniform. We ask that those participating make a small donation on Friday morning. As part of our seasonal celebrations Christmas Dinner will be available on Wednesday 18 December. We will also be hosting a Christmas Party for some elderly members of our community on Thursday 19 December. This will include another performance of our excellent pantomime performed by the Drama Club which was a great success at the Christmas Fair!

In the new year, we will be refocusing on our behaviour and uniform policies. We value your support in this area and would remind you that every student must bring their planner to school each day. The planner is central to our system and is required every day. It is where we record the stamps as part of our rewards structure. We also expect all students to wear full school uniform including jumper, blazer, tie and black shoes. Any issues with planners or uniform are addressed at the start of the day and we will contact you should we need your support.

We will continue to celebrate good attendance in the new year – many students have maintained a 100% attendance record since September which is a great achievement. Once again, I would like to emphasise that attendance at school leads to positive achievement and a positive experience, socially and emotionally. Please continue to support us by sending your children to school every day.

School will close for the Christmas break at 12.30pm on Friday 20 December. We re-open for all students on Tuesday 7 January 2020. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a very peaceful holiday. We look forward to working with you and your children in 2020.

Yours Faithfully,

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